

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 25TH MAY, 1871. 一拜禮 號五十二月五英 港香 [PRICE \$24 PER MD]

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FOR SHANGHAI

**"NANKIN."**  
Nabbs, will be dispatched for the above  
DAY, the 25th inst., at 2 p.m.  
Freight or Passage, apply to  
SILSMISSEN & Co.  
Teaclearing, 25th May, 1874.

**"M TO SWATOW, AMOY, AND  
SHANGHAI."**  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship  
"ORISSA"  
for the above places at noon on  
FRIDAY, the 27th inst.

A. MEIWER,  
Superintendent.

S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Singapore, 25th May, 1874. [Sd] S13

**PAK HODJAYS**

public business. THIS  
SATURDAY; (Queen's

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
 O. M. KERR,  
*Acting Manager, Hongkong.*  
 Chartered Mercantile Bank of  
 India, London and China,  
 H. H. NELSON,  
*Acting Manager, Hongkong.*  
 Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
 tralia and China,  
 M. W. BOYD,  
*Manager, Hongkong.*

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTES  
A. PHILIP

Acting Manager.  
e HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.  
JAMES GREIG,  
Chief Manager.  
e NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,  
R. H. SANDHMAN,  
Acting Manager.

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NOTICE.

Y Claims against the British Barque

Derwent, must be seen  
ued before NOON TO

...or they will be the  
 MELCHERS & Co.,  
 1891 Hongkong, 25th May, 1874.  
 FOR SALE,  
 WHITE CHEROOTS. Apply to  
 A. L. AGABEG, Jn.  
 189 Hongkong, 5th May, 1874.  
 NOTICE.  
 HITTING CONDUCTORS FIXED.  
 ESTIMATES GIVEN  
 A. MILLAR & Co.,  
 Queen's Road.  
 189 Hongkong, 13th May, 1874.  
 MERCANTILE UNION ASSURANCE  
 COMPANY.

Under signed, Agents

the above Company's Fire Department,  
prepared to GRANT POLICIES against  
Goods to the extent of £10,000. Buildings, or  
Goods stored therein, at contract rate, subje  
to an immediate discount of Twenty per  
cent.

**THE BORNCO COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
790 "Hongkong, 30th May, 1874.

**MR. J. C. H. LEURG,**  
Formerly, Organist of St. Andrew's  
Cathedral, and Director of Music in the  
Union Club "Festonia," at Singapore.  
Lecturers given in SINGAPORE, PIANO-  
Forte, ORGAN, VIOLIN, and on any other  
Instruments.

Piano-Forte Tuning done on moderate terms,  
or by arrangement, please address, care of  
J. C. H. LEURG & Co., or Messrs.

89 Hongkong, 2nd Feb

**NOTICES TO TRANSHIPPERS.**

**NOTICE**

DO in diamond, 103 Bales COTTON;  
ACM " " " " " " " " " " " "  
Es<sup>t</sup>. "Nizam" from Bombay.

COGNIZABLES of the above-named Cargo,  
which arrived here by "Nizam" on the  
last night, are hereby notified that the same is  
being landed and stored at their risk and  
expense in the Godowns of Messrs. Lowndes &  
Knox & Co., whose model they may be obtained.  
A. NOLVER,  
Superintendent.

& O.S.N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1874. [840]

BRITISH STEAMER J.  
DON AND PORT

SHIPMENTS OF Goods by the above  
 Steamer are hereby informed that their  
 Goods are being landed at their risk into  
 Godowns of the Undersigned at Wanchi; whence  
 delivery can be obtained.  
 Goods remaining in godowns after the 25th  
 instant will be subject to rent.  
 Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shang-  
 hai unless notice to the contrary be received  
 five P.M. TO-DAY.  
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
 DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
 507, Hongkong; 22nd May, 1874.

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S. S. GLEMLYN, FROM LONDON,  
 SINGAPORE, &c.

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Steenier are hereby informed that the  
pools are being loaded and stored at their risk  
by the Consignors of the Undersigned, from  
whence delivery may be obtained.  
Consignees wishing to take their Goods from  
the Goods alongside the wharf, are at liberty to  
do so at any time.  
Goods remaining in store after the 29th  
inst will be subject to rent.  
Options of purchase will be received, unless notified  
to the contrary, between before 5 o'clock p.m.  
THIS DAY.  
Bills of Lading to be sent for countersignature  
are to  
to **GILMAN & Co.,**  
73 Raffles, Hongkong, 22nd May, 1874.  
**BRITISH BARQUE KATE CARRIE,**  
FROM LONDON.

**CONSIGNERS** of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby requested to send in  
Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for  
Countersignature, and to the immediate delivery  
of their Goods.  
Cargo imported from the discharge of the vessel  
may be taken out and stored at Consigners' risk  
and expense.

**MELCHERS & Co.,**  
73 Raffles, Hongkong, 22nd May, 1874.

COMPAGNIE DE

**MARRIAGES.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**C**ONSIGNEES of the following cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery; this cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No fire-insurance has been effected.

**C. BERTRAND,**  
*Principal Agent,*  
*Esq. "Amatois."*

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| EBY, No. 3.....       | 1 case Merchandises. |
| GFM .....             | 30 cases Wine.       |
| WJH in diamond, ..... | 1 case Whisky.       |
| EO, 2.....            | 2 casks Oil.         |

Hongkong, 14th May, 1874.











## Extracts.

**THERMOPHILUS.**  
And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river. — Exodus 2, v. 5.  
So calm! so full! the full red sun descending  
O'er Shinar's stream;  
Its vapours rise an aerial splendour leading  
To the strange scene.  
No air disturbs the dark and secret water;  
Of life there is no sign;  
While the Thermophilus, the nocturnal daughter  
Of the royal shepherd leech,  
To where the cyprus leaves are throwing  
Safely and tall  
Sho comes, her bright jewels in the sunbeams glowing,  
With her sweetest incident all.  
Some spout, and from her slender foot have taken  
The scented rich with gold.  
And footless furs move, and palm leaves shaken  
Till the warm air breathes cold.  
They bow her robes, and from her jetty hair  
The hyacinth they take;  
The breeze, brooding on the bank, they near  
By the leaden misty wake.  
She stands upon the water, calm, outlined  
Against the glory of the western sky;  
O'er the lotus petals, and dark bud  
The towers of Memphis rise.

Its massive temples, giant forms of stone  
Gloom for a moment in the misty air—  
'Tis past and gone—the memory alone  
Remains of those old days.  
The dark-browed princess and her virgin hand  
Made in the night of that mysterious land.

Dramatic.

**WOLFE'S ESCALADE.**  
Slings their muskets, and, oh! what a scene  
With their sword-belts, the Frasers  
Scrambled up the steep, and woody precipice,  
Grasping the roots of trees, the tuff of grass;  
The rocks, and whatever nighd and their ascent,  
ill the summit was won; and rushing on,  
daymore in hand, they dislodged a captain's  
guard which manned a position near it and  
possessed themselves of the summit. The day  
which the Frasers had won, the British had  
the line to reach all the sooner the plateau,  
which stands 250 feet above the flowing river.  
Following the Highlanders, Wolfe was soon  
on the plateau of the precipice, and with  
ardour he formed his troops in contiguous  
columns of regiments as they came toiling  
up; and ere the rising sun began to gild  
the spires and ramparts of Quebec and the far  
stretching bottom of the mighty St. Lawrence,  
he had his whole force marching in little  
array along the famous Heights of Abraham,  
with colours flying and all their bayonets  
glittering. To keep the redoubt taken by  
the Frasers, to cover the landing-place, and  
so as to rear-guard, he left two companies,  
and at once began to descend from the green  
slopes towards the city. — *British Battles on  
Land and Sea*, by James Grant.

**A VILLAGE EMBEDDED IN ICE.**  
A despatch from Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
dated March 10th, published in the *New York  
Times*, says:—A strange phenomenon was done  
Sherbrooke, Quebec, County, about  
ninety miles from this place, by a freshet on  
Wednesday last. The St. Mary's River was  
swollen by the rain and thaw. A couple of  
miles above Sherbrooke there is a natural  
dam of rocks across the river, beyond which  
for several miles it is called Stillwater. The  
solid ice below the village remained  
firm, and the flow above it was done up  
stands became a boiling sea. Boats and  
canoes were in demand. Every house was  
flooded. The little river driven out of  
town by persons on horseback. The women,  
children, and aged people were taken away  
in boats. Many families abandoned their  
houses altogether while others took refuge  
in the upper stories. Two bridges in the  
village, and a large bridge over the St.  
Mary's River, are gone. A new vessel nearly  
ready for launching was destroyed, and  
much timber carried away. The day after  
the flood the mountains of ice, and the logs,  
trees, and other debris, became frozen solid,  
so that the village is now embedded in a  
frozen sea. The ruin is indescribable.  
It extends a mile and a half length by a mile  
in breadth. In the event of a sudden thaw  
the village will be quite destroyed.

**WAR-WANDERINGS IN ASIA.**  
"We must get out here, David Stapano-  
vitch!" the shrill call sweeps across my  
vision, and I look up to find myself in front  
of a tiny hut—alone amidst the wilderness of  
gravel—beside which three or four wild-looking  
men are groped around a huge native  
cart (the traditional Arab) distinguished  
by its immense breadth of beam and gigantic  
wheels, seven feet in diameter, and a  
possibility (like Harold Hardrada's) "a few  
inches more." Mournfully explains that  
to ford the Zer-Afshan in our little post-  
cart will be certain destruction to our bag-  
gage, and that we had better migrate to the  
area—a vehicle which, light, strong, and  
(thanks to its breadth) almost impossible to  
overturn, recommends for a Turkistan road  
as the camel is for the desert. The transfer  
is soon effected, but it takes some  
time to secure our packages against the  
tremendous shaking which awaits them; and  
our careful handling goes over his whole  
work three times before he can persuade  
himself to let it go. But the reckless Bok-  
harians, who are little fit to use our be-  
longings to, cut and short, leaving on to  
the front of the huge tray, and heading right  
down upon the river. We make five or six  
leaps, crossing before coming to the real one,  
the Zer-Afshan (like Central Asian  
rivers) generally being given to wasting its  
strength in minor channels; but even these  
run with a force and violence which show  
that we have to expect. At length, after  
a comparatively long interval of bare  
gravel, the two Bokharians suddenly plant  
themselves back to back, with their feet  
against the sides of the cart; the Arab waits  
for a moment, as if to gather strength for  
his final leap, and then rushes into the stream.  
And now comes the third turn in the water,  
when the huge machine trembles under a  
shock like the collision of a train; and, to  
our bewildered eyes, the current appears to  
be standing still, and we ourselves to be fly-  
ing backward with the speed of an express.  
Deeper and deeper grows the water, stronger  
and stronger presses the current. Already  
the little post-cart (which follows in a  
wake) is all but submerged; and the water  
is buffeting against the bottom of the ark,  
and splashing over our feet as we sit. More  
than once the horses stop short, and plant  
their feet firmly, to save themselves from  
being swept down; and the roar of the  
churning eddies comes up to us like the  
trump of a charging squadron. In the  
midst of the deep and burly-burly, the  
hissing water, and the blinding spray, a ter-  
rible thought suddenly occurs to me. "By  
Jove! all my baggage in the bottom of my  
chest! I'll be all muddled, to a certainty!"  
"Shouldn't wonder," remarks my friend,  
with that air of fortitude with which man  
wont to bear the misfortunes of other people.  
"However, you can get some more at Saman-  
cand, and after all, a trunk filled with sugar  
will be worth exhibiting in England; if you  
ever get there." For the next few moments  
it is "tough and go," with us; but, even  
among Asiatics, nothing can be spun out for-  
ever. Little by little, the water grows  
shallower, the ground rises, and we come out  
upon dry land once more, down the contents of the  
ark back again into the cart, reward our  
pilots at the rate of sixpence a-piece—and are  
off again. — *On the Road to Khiva*, by David  
Ker.

**FRENCH VIEW OF SIR ROGER DE COVERLEY.**  
There is an undercurrent of poetry in all  
this. It has flowed through his veins a  
thousand times more sincere and laudable  
than in his verse. Rich, ornate, figures are  
displayed, not with a show of erudition as in  
Voltaire, but in a calm and abundant light,  
which makes the regular fold of their purple  
and gold undulate. The music of his verse  
is cadenced and tranquil phrases leads to the  
happy amidst romantic splendours and a  
youthful nature recalls the happy attitude of  
Spenser. Through gentle railings a moral  
lesson we feel that the author's imagination  
is happy, delighted in the contemplation of  
the swaying to and fro of the foot-logs,  
which clothe the mountains, the eternal  
verdure of the valleys, invigorated a fresh  
spring, and the wide view undulating far  
away on the distant horizon. Great and  
simple sentiments naturally join the noble  
images, and their measured harmony creates  
a music as powerful, worthy to fascinate the  
heart of a good man by its gravity and sweet-  
ness. — *M. Taine*.

**BIRTH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH.**  
While Queen Anne was making shirts and  
smocks for poor people, Henry was consoling  
with his doctor, sorcerers, astrologers,  
and witches. Would he have a son? The  
knave assured him that he should have a  
son to rule a price, and had a number of  
letters written ready to send out announcing  
that a son was born. On Sunday, the 7th  
day of September, Anne was prematurely  
delivered of that daughter who was after-  
wards to reign as Queen Elizabeth. The child  
was born at Greenwich, near London. The  
day which the heavens had blessed with  
him and his country in that birth, the king  
was wild with rage, and seared the doctors,  
sorcerers, astrologers, and witches who had  
frightened by his fury. Henry felt crushed  
with passion and regret, and no one felt  
easier against his violence. Chaps made  
him to his master know that "the  
king's friend" had been delivered, and that  
happily her "baptism" was a girl—*Mrs.  
Dixon's "History of Two Queens"*.

**THE CURIOUS WAYS OF HANTS.**  
(The Christian Weekly—American paper.)  
Who can account for the ways of a people,  
or explain why a certain species will grow  
in one place, and will not in another exactly  
similar, so far as human intelligence can de-  
termine?

The American also is a hundred years in  
getting ready to flower, whereas the gourd  
grows like Jack's bean stalk. Some wild  
flowers disappear on the advance of civiliza-  
tion; while, on the other hand, the plantain,  
if the truth is told, goes wherever European  
go; and in this country they are common until  
the king's friend, had been delivered, and that  
happily her "baptism" was a girl—*Mrs.  
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Another case, somewhat in point, is the  
holly—indigenous, or at least one variety,  
to most woods along the eastern border of New  
England; but so partaking of the alien nature  
centrality, that he may count himself a  
happy man who can find it, and prove his  
success, by great armfuls of it, without  
deft his house at Christmas. "no gets  
glimpses of it while riding through some  
swampy tract on Cape Ann; its bright  
berries and evergreen leaves, so suggestive  
of English good cheer, betraying it. There,  
too, in summer, by searching diligently, you  
may find a species of myrica, that being  
about its northern limit.  
No common New England flower is so  
little to be depended upon as the trailing  
arbutus. It is difficult to determine what  
it wants. It abounds in gravelly knobs by the  
wayside, and thrives on the very edge of  
pasture bog, and in the shade of woods; and  
yet, with all this versatility, there are many  
places where it is never found, and where,  
though transplanted and tended with care,  
it cannot be made to live.  
Quite opposite, in these respects, is the  
"cardinal flower," whose home it by the  
water side, the only place where it grows nat-  
urally, although the kind of water must be  
of imminent consequence, for it will grow just  
as well in a dank pool under the upturned roof  
of a willow, on the edge of a millpond, in  
the muddest ooze, as in the clearest sand  
along a river's bank, its chief requirement  
seeming to be that it shall not be bordered  
on one side by a steep bank, and on the other  
by its kind, and not in close neighbour-  
hood to other plants. It is so accurate that  
it will be found in a garden, taking the  
kindly to its new conditions; and there it  
will come up, year after year, flinging out  
in its radiant, in "one glorious blossom," as  
if nothing had happened to it.  
There are other facts, more singular, as to  
the ways of growth and "how" a bloom-  
ing. One can understand that a grass "vins  
may hold to its support by means of a ten-  
der while in dry or a Virginia creeper  
secures itself by thrusting its roots into a  
crack of a wall or in the bark of a tree;  
but why should a honeysuckle and a bean  
vine wind in opposite directions, the one  
going to the left and the other to the right?  
and either will swing by the wind, sprawl  
over the ground, rather than turn to either  
way.  
The tulip opens at nine o'clock in the  
morning, and shuts at ten, as if it had a  
visual weakness; while a bed of poinsettias  
never expands unless the sun is out; and  
the better he shines the wider they spread  
themselves; and the evening primrose waits  
until he has gone down, and then comes open  
with a snap, like a subdued kind of fire-  
cracker.

But most unaccountable of all, perhaps, is  
the night-blooming jasmine. You see a  
simple tree-like plant, with a pliant style of  
leaf, at the base of which grows array of  
yellowish green tubes, like lilac buds, sug-  
gesting, more than anything else, a ring of  
small candles. You look at them in the  
middle of the day, and they are "all right  
and nothing more;" and you might if you  
did not know their ways, forget all about  
them; but when evening comes, forgetting  
is impossible. The room is full of fragrance,  
rich as orange flowers, and almost as subtle  
as violets; and lo, your little candle are all  
lighted, and from somewhere about them  
comes that perfume which is so delicate and  
so mysterious as to its source. "No next  
morning, they begin to contract; and noon,  
the five points are all closed packed, and there  
is no sign to them or about them at all  
night comes on again; and so they continue,  
scarcely through daylight, but of exquisite  
sweetness when darkness appears.

**CALUMNY.**  
The rules of politeness are never at variance  
with the principles of morality. Whatever  
is really polite is really immoral. We have  
no right to offend people with our manners  
or conversation. We have no right to deal  
with or be influenced by gossip about the  
people we meet. Their private affairs are  
none of our business. If we believe a man  
to be unkind to us, we must not in-  
vite him, but if we meet him where he has  
been invited by others, we must treat him  
with civility. If we know a man or woman  
to be a grave offender, we cannot say that  
knowledge to injure him or her, unless it is  
absolutely needful for the protection of others.  
The greatest and best man in the world have  
been assailed with calumny. The purest  
and noblest do not always escape it. We  
cannot investigate as a rule, we must dis-  
regard all slanders. Where great wrongs  
become notorious, the offenders must be  
communicated. In all other cases we must  
give every one the benefit of a doubt; apply  
clari ficatory constructions, hope for the best,  
and consider every one innocent until he is  
proven guilty. — *How to Behave*.

**A NATURAL LAWYER.**  
The following examination of candi-  
dates for the admission to the bar, is taken  
from the *Western Law Journal*. The ex-  
amination commenced with: "Do you  
smoke?" "I do sir." "Have you a spare  
cigar?" "I have sir." (Extends a short-  
cut.) "Now, sir, what is the first duty of a  
lawyer?" To collect fees, sir. "What  
is the second?" To increase the number  
of clients. "When does the position toward  
clients change?" "When making out a  
bill of costs." "Explain." "We then oc-  
cupy the antagonistic position. I become  
the plaintiff, and he becomes the defendant."  
"Salt decided, how do you stand with the  
lawyer on the other side?" "Cheek by  
jowl." "Enough, sir. You promise to be  
an ornament to your profession, and I wish  
you to remember that I am aware of the duty  
you owe me?" "Perfectly." "Describe  
it." "It is to ask you to take a drink."  
"But suppose I decline?" (Candidate  
scratches his head.) "There is no instance  
of the kind in the books. I cannot answer  
the question." "You are right, and the  
candidate with which you made the exami-  
nation shows, conclusively, that you read the  
law attentively. Let's take a drink, and I  
will sign the certificate on you."

This notice was lately posted in the vestibule  
of a kirk in Scotland. The persons who stole  
the notice, which was made the subject of  
the court, should improve the opportunity of singing them  
here, as he will have no occasion to sing them  
hereafter.

## Insurance.

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.**  
The Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, are pre-  
pared to GRANT INSURANCES on the extent  
of \$5,000, on first-class risks at current rates,  
— *MELORES & Co.*  
Agents.  
474 Hongkong, 1st May, 1874.

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